

Page 10, lines 1-2, delete "In a still further aspect the invention resides in a film assembly comprising" and insert therefore--- The film assembly may comprise --.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel the following claims without prejudice or disclaimer:

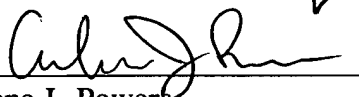
Please cancel claims 24-32 and 43-49.

REMARKS

The Examiner has stated that claims 1-23 and 33-42, directed towards the method of the invention are allowable. Therefore, the Applicant has elected to cancel claims 24-32 and 43-49 directed to the apparatus. Marked-up and clean copies of the specification pages and the claims are attached hereto.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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camera.

5 One consideration with such a camera is the ease of loading  
of the film, particularly given the requirement that the  
film must be pre-wound out of the film cassette before use.  
In view of the low cost of the camera itself manufacture  
and assembly costs are important, and this includes the  
cost of loading the film into the camera at the factory.  
10 It is highly desirable to utilize a method which is simple  
and cheap and yet reliable.

As the awareness of problems of environmental contamination  
increases, as well as for economic reasons, consumers are  
15 less willing to tolerate disposable products. It has  
previously been proposed by the applicant to provide a very  
simple and cheap camera of generally similar construction  
to a disposable camera and yet which includes adaptations  
allowing it to be re-used at least several times by a user.

20 The present invention seeks to provide a method of loading  
a film assembly comprising a pair of film containers for  
use in a simple camera as described above, ~~to a film~~  
~~container and to a film loading method.~~

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enclosing the coil in an additional film container so that the film extends through a film slot thereof; (e) removing the film winding tool; and (f) placing the film assembly in the camera with the containers in respective chambers and closing the camera back.

The film may be conventional colour or black and white film, but may also carry pre-exposed latent images thereon, the method involving at step (f) the additional step of ensuring that an alignment mark on the film is arranged in alignment with an alignment mark on the camera so as to ensure correct alignment of user-exposed images and pre-exposed images.

~~The invention also resides in a~~ The film assembly may comprise a first film container having a spool therein to which an end of the film is attached, and a second spoolless light-tight film container within which the film is wound having a removable end cap, the film being wound in a coil in the second film container and extending to the first container.

~~The invention further resides in a~~ The photographic film-receiving container having has a housing comprising a pair of shell halves which together define a film slot through which, in use, film may extend. The container may have a

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film assembly comprising may comprise a first film  
container having a spool therein to which an end of the  
5 film is attached and about which the film may be wound, and  
a second spoolless light-tight film container within which  
the film may be wound having a removable end cap, the film  
extending between the first and second containers and being  
wound within one or other of said containers, wherein  
10 securing means are provided to hold the first and second  
containers in a fixed position relative to each other.

Brief Description of the Drawings

15 Embodiments of the invention are now described, by way of  
example only, the reference to the following drawings in  
which:

20 Figure 1 shows the insertion of a film assembly in  
accordance with an embodiment of the invention into an open  
camera;

Figure 2 illustrates the winding of the film out of a first  
film cassette or container into a second film container;

25 Figure 3 shows the fitting of an end cap onto the second  
film container;